

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF) Adrian Sparks
SERIAL NO.:) 09/745,890
FILED:) December 21, 2000
FOR:) Load Sharing Nodes in a Network Utilising Shared
 Optical Protection
CUSTOMER NUMBER) 23644
CONFIRMATION NO.) 1275
ART UNIT:) 2613
EXAMINER:) Dzung D. Tran
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.) 920537-904862

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 5, 2009

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicants file herewith a full response to the non final Office Action issued March 5, 2009, in connection with the above referenced application.